

REMARKS

The applicant provides the following remarks to address each concern raised in the official communication mailed April 10, 3003 with regard to claims 2-3 and 7-8.

Cancellation of Claims. Claims 4-6 and 9-15 were formally canceled as non-elected inventions in response to an earlier official communication. The applicant further cancels claims 2-3, 7 and 8 without prejudice. The applicant does not waive any right to have these claims or other claims as may be presented examined in a subsequent continuation, division, or continuation-in-part, or similar application without any reduction in claim breadth

Allowed Claims. The office indicates that claim 1 is allowable. While the applicant believes that claim 1 does not fairly represent the breadth of the invention that is allowable, the applicant would like to bring claim 1 to issue and reserves without prejudice arguments and amendments to bring claims 2-3, 7 and 8 to allowance for a subsequent continuing application along with other claims that may be presented.

CONCLUSION

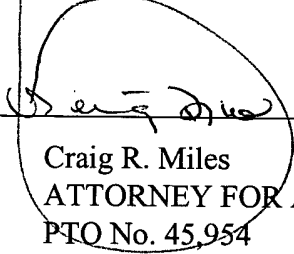
The office has allowed claim 1. The applicant has canceled claims 2-3, 7 and 8. The applicant requests that the office bring claim 1 to issue and allow applicant to argue the merits of the remaining claims in a subsequent continuing application without prejudice to the breadth or scope of the claims then presented.

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Respectfully submitted,

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